

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1052
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REPAIR AND EXPANSION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that there is a need to repair and expand National Highways passing through Bihar;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) the total amount allocated for the repair and maintenance of National Highways in the State during each of the last three years;
- (d) whether the annual allocation for the purpose has always remained less;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (f) the steps being taken by the Government to allocate sufficient amount for the purpose to the State;
- (g) the details of the National Highways in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh where widening, extension and repair work has been started since February 1997, till date; and
- (h) the actual expenditure incurred thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(MAJOR GENERAL (RETD KHANDURI)

(a) Yes Sir,

(b) Efforts are being made to improve the condition of the roads and most of these are being generally maintained in traffic-worthy condition within available resources. Development including widening is taken up in phases depending upon traffic needs, inter-se-priority and availability of funds. However, development and repair/maintenance of National Highways is a continuous process. Annual Plan 2002-03 for Bihar provides for development works at plan cost of Rs. 156 crores with a budget provision of Rs. 52 crores. In addition four-laning of 726 km. length of National Highways in Bihar is included in National Highway Development Programme (NHDP) being implemented by National Highway Authority of India (NHAI). Funds amounting to Rs.26 crore have been allotted for Bihar for maintenance & repairs.

(c) Amount allocated during the last 3 year for development works and maintenance & repair is as under :-

Rs. in crores

Year	Development works	Maintenance & Repair	Special repair programme			
	Allocation	Exp.	Allocation	Exp.	Allocation	Exp.

1999-2000	60.00	59.50	60.30	51.48	61.00	41.33
2000-2001	62.00	60.14	52.38	43.99	21.50	13.96
2001-2002	51.00	50.18	52.55	45.88	-	-

(d) to (f) Overall grant for maintenance & repair of National Highways is hardly 40% to 50% of the requirements as per norms, because of availability of resources. Efforts are being made to enhance the allocation for maintenance & repair. However, the amounts allocated in Bihar were not fully utilised, in previous years.

(g)&(h) Details of extension/widening works undertaken in the States of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh since February, 1997 are given below:-

State NH No. No. of works Sanctioned Amount/Expenditure

(Rs in crores)

Bihar 2,19,28,28A,30,31,80,81 & 82	16	26.18
Uttar Pradesh 2,7,19,21,25,28,76	28	206.71

In addition works for widening to 4 lanes in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar have been taken up under National Highways Development Programme by National Highway Authority of India as per the details given below and actual expenditure incurred thereon is Rs. 1332.29 crores.

State NH No.	No. of works
Bihar 2 and 31	7
Uttar Pradesh 2,3,6A,24,25,56	22

Maintenance & repair of National Highways in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh are being carried out as per requirement within available resources.